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A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) Copy[a] of a petition presented to the Collector by the residents of Todikana village against an order of the Collector closing the Todikana Reserve Forest to grazing is placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) The Government are awaiting a report from the Collector.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the Collector's report has been received now?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know if the Government will consider the desirability of withdrawing their orders if they find that there are not sufficient grazing grounds in the villages adjoining the areas now closed to grazing?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member after the report of the Collector is received."

Prisons and Prisoners

Application of a political prisoner for permission to appear for the B.L. Degree Examination.

*96 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. N. Bapirazu, B class political prisoner in Cuddalore jail, put in a petition asking for permission to appear for the B.L. examination;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the permission sought for was not given; and

(*c*) if so, why?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that prisoners should be given the concession.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know why the Government do not consider that prisoners should be given this concession?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government do not consider that a person who has broken the law should be allowed to appear for an examination while he is in prison."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Did not the Government give a similar concession on previous occasions?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I myself did it. But subsequently I thought it was a mistake."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 329 infra.

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know why he thought he had committed a mistake?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Because I think it was a mistake."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is it not a fact that even to-day prisoners in other provinces are allowed to appear for examinations?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not aware of it."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether political prisoners who are vakils are allowed to practise after they are released?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It will depend on the view which the High Court may take of the conduct of the vakils."

Admission into and release from the Jails in the Presidency of political prisoners for the current calendar year.

* 97 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to furnish a monthwar statement for the current calendar year showing the numbers of admission to, and release from, the various jails in the Presidency of political prisoners under each of the classes A, B, and C?

A.—The information has been called for.

Irrigation

Water-pumping station at Bethamangalam, Kolar district.

* 98 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the existence of a water-pumping station at Bethamangalam, Kolar district;

(*b*) whether with regard to the information required by the Palar River Committee, he has called for statistics of the quantity of water-pumped at this station; and

(*c*) whether he has called for figures relating to the consumption of water from Bethamangalam tank (i) by the Gold Mines and (ii) by others?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) & (*c*) No.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the main apprehension in the minds of the ryots of the Palar ayacut is not the fact that the Mysore Government are using more water from the Bethamangalam tank than the agreement permits them to do?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am not aware that the fact is as stated, Sir."